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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jerry Franklin on the occasion of his retirement from the Wilson County Health Department.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with compassion and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Franklin is one such estimable person who has served the Wilson County Health Department with great strength of character and uncommon ability for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, born in Jacksboro in 1939, Jerry Franklin has been living in Lebanon since the age of 5. After graduating from Lebanon High School in 1957, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Franklin began his employment with the State Health Department in that same year and worked for the Lincoln County Health Department until 1965, when he returned to Lebanon to work for the Wilson County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Franklin is respected and admired by his colleagues for his punctuality and his professionalism during his long tenure with the Wilson County Health Department; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry Franklin is most thankful for the loving companionship of his wife, the former Theresa McClanahan; they have been married since November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1965, and they have two sons: Jon, an optometrist in Mt. Juliet, and Jason, an assistant principal for Wilson Central High School; and

WHEREAS, he is the proud grandfather of four grandchildren: A.J. Franklin, Erin Franklin, Andrew Franklin, and Baylor Franklin; Jerry is also a loving brother to Jo Emily Turner, Dot Crunk, and Don Franklin; his brother, Holland Franklin has passed on to his great reward; and

WHEREAS, during his much-deserved retirement, Jerry Franklin plans to spend more time with his grandchildren, his wife, and his friends; and

WHEREAS, a big fan of University of Tennessee football, Mr. Franklin was quite a football player himself; while playing for Lebanon High School, he scored the winning touchdown at the Tobacco Bowl in 1956; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jerry Franklin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his superiors, peers, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Franklin exemplifies the dedication to community and family values that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we applaud Jerry Franklin for his many years of laudable service to the Wilson County Health Department, and extend to him our most heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

